

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 14-20 and 23-51 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-22 were originally filed in the parent International Patent Application PCT/NZ2004/000234. This Preliminary Amendment amends the present application as follows:

1. A Cross-Reference to Related Applications section has been added to the specification. No new matter is added by this amendment. Entry of this amendment is hereby requested.
2. Claims 1-12 and 14-20 have been amended, claims 13, 21 and 22 have been canceled and new claims 23-51 have been added. The amendments to the claims set are being made to remove multiple dependencies and to place the claims in a form compatible with standard United States patent practice. New claims 28-51 are parallel to amended claims 1-12, 14-20 and 23-27, with the means plus function language removed. No new matter is added by these amendments. Entry of these amendments is hereby requested.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-12 14-20 and 23-51 are now pending in the above-identified United States Patent Application. All claims are believed to be in condition for examination and allowance and an indication of such is earnestly solicited. If there are any issues that can be addressed by telephone with the Applicant's representative, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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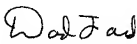
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